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## H.E President Kagame meets with UAE-based investors



On 8<sup>th</sup> September at Urugwiro Village, H.E President Paul Kagame received Mohammed Al Shaibani, Managing Director of the Investment Corporation of Dubai and Chair of Kerzner International, for a discussion on strengthening partnerships that are contributing to Rwanda's growing luxury hospitality and eco-tourism sectors.

H.E President Paul Kagame also met with Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Chairman and CEO of DP World and exchanged on additional investment opportunities as well as the growth of Kigali Logistics Platform (KLP), a dry port developed through a partnership with DP World and the Government of Rwanda. The meeting took place in New York where the president was participating in the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

## H.E President Kagame delivers his remarks at the 78<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly



In his address to the UN General Assembly in New York, Rwandan President Paul Kagame discussed the lack of progress toward achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reducing conflict around the globe, and finding ways to boost international cooperation.

The SDG summit held in New York earlier this week highlighted the disappointing progress made toward achieving the UN's 17 SDG goals by 2030, said President Kagame.

He commended the Secretary-General's focus on the issue and emphasized that slow progress toward achieving SDGs would exacerbate economic disparities between countries. "This year's SDG Summit has once again raised alarm about the slow pace of SDG implementation," he said.

"Developing countries are constrained by a debt crisis including higher costs of borrowing. This is causing economic disparities to widen and is slowing down collective progress to SDGs." The primary cause of the debt crisis, President Kagame argued, was high interest rates in developed economies in reaction to global inflation.

**Full statement available [here](#).**

## Rwanda and UAE Ministers of Foreign Affairs discuss boosting bilateral relations



Honorable Dr. Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Rwanda met with his UAE counterpart H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan in the margins of the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA78) that was held in September in New York.

The two ministers discussed issues of common interest aimed at boosting bilateral relations between Rwanda and the United Arab Emirates.

## World meets in Rwanda to name baby mountain gorillas and celebrate conservation



September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - The world met in Kinigi, Musanze at the foothills of Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park to name 23 baby mountain gorillas in a global celebration of conservation and community-led efforts to protect their habitat.

Graced by Her Excellency the First Lady of Rwanda, Jeannette Kagame, the 19th Kwita Izina Gorilla Naming Ceremony brought together distinguished Namers, Friends of Rwanda, special guests and tens of thousands of people from the communities surrounding Volcanoes National Park. The 23 baby gorillas were named by conservation champions, community heroes, sports stars, industry leaders and international artists and celebrities.

The ceremony featured Rwandan musicians and a performance with almost 180 artists from the Mashirika Performing Arts and Media Company that celebrated 19 years of Kwita Izina through the theme of consistency, growth, and expansion.

“Mountain gorillas represent more than a source of tourism, or adventurous entertainment. To us, our gorillas are the custodians of a nature we cherish. Rwanda’s efforts to protect its biodiversity have been multi-faceted, and multi-purposed. From local and international advocacy, to the creation and expansion of national parks, no stone is being left unturned,” said Her Excellency, The First Lady of Rwanda, Jeannette Kagame. [Read more on RDB](#)

## Rwanda, UAE Ministers in charge environment discuss opportunities for collaboration



Rwanda’s Minister of Environment Honorable Dr. Mujawamariya Jeanne d’Arc met with H.E Mariam bint Mohammed Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and the Environment of the United Arab Emirates on the sidelines of the African Climate Summit that took place from 4-8 September in Nairobi, Kenya.

The two ministers discussed the need for climate finance, updates on AIM4Climate initiative (a joint initiative by the United States and the United Arab Emirates), and the UAE’s preparations to host the 28<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28).

## Amb. Mirenge, COP28 Team discuss Rwanda’s active participation Giving



On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023- Ambassador John Mirenge along with Second Counsellor Ines Mutoni met with H.E Omar Shehadeh, Executive Director for diplomatic engagement at COP28 UAE. Discussions focused on COP28 preparations and opportunities for Rwanda's active participation as a champion of climate action and sustainability.

The 28<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP28) will be held from November 30 until December 12, 2023 at the Expo City –Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Rwanda is expected to actively participate in COP28 which is set to witness a critical stocktaking moment for climate action under the Paris Agreement, in addition to defining future Nationally Determined Contributions.

## Amb. Mirenge meets with Thumbay Medicity Founder-President



On September 7<sup>th</sup> in Ajman, Ambassador John Mirenge along with Minister Counsellor Edouard Bizumuremyi and Second Counsellor Ines Mutoni visited Thumbay Medicity, a hub of healthcare, medical education, and research.

They met with Founder-President Dr. Thumbay Moideen and discussed Rwanda's investment opportunities in sectors of healthcare and tertiary education.

## RCA-UAE football team beats Burundians 3-2

On 10<sup>th</sup> September, the Rwandan Community in UAE organized a friendly football game and played against Burundians living in Dubai. The Rwanda team emerged as winners with a score of 3-2.

Ambassador John Mirenge along with First Secretary Dennis Ruranga watched the match and encouraged the Rwandan team to keep the moment and promote talented players who may go further to join UAE-based pro league teams.



## The Organic and Natural Product Expo is around the corner

Inviting Rwandan exporters to apply to participate in the upcoming Organic and Natural Product Expo at the Dubai World Trade Centre from 12-14 December 2023.

Register before 30 October at <https://rdb.rw/natural-and-organic-expo-in-dubai-2023/>

Learn more about the expo: <https://organicandnatural.com>



## Amb. Mirenge attends the World Governments Summit's Ambassadors Retreat



On 25<sup>th</sup> September in Dubai, Ambassador John Mirenge along with Second Counsellor Ines Mutoni attended the World Government Summit's Ambassadors Retreat organized by the World Governments Summit Organization and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Retreat gathered over 200 high-level officials, including ministers, government officials, ambassadors, and chief representatives of diplomatic missions in the UAE.

In his address, His Excellency Omar Sultan Al Olama, Minister of Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy and Remote Work Applications, Vice Chair of the World Governments Summit Organization stated that the World Governments Summit serves as a platform that brings together government officials, international organisations, business leaders, community institutions, experts, academics, and innovators to participate in a global movement aimed at defining trends, anticipating changes, and proactively addressing challenges by designing successful innovative solutions. The upcoming World Governments Summit 2024 will be held under the theme of "Shaping Future Governments" on 12-14 February 2024 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

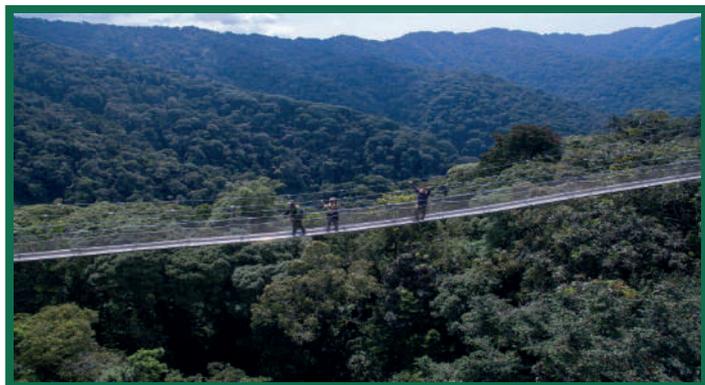
## Amb. Mirenge meets six counterparts to boost relations



During the month of September, Ambassador John Mirenge paid courtesy visits to Ambassadors of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Ghana, Lebanon, South Korea, Mozambique, and Japan. The Ambassador further received a courtesy visit from the Ambassador of Tanzania.

Ambassador Mirenge used the courtesy visits to his counterparts to review the existing relations and opportunities to strengthen them further.

## Nyungwe National Park inscribed on UNESCO World Heritage List



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 19 September 2023 – Nyungwe National Park, situated in Rwanda's Southern and Western Province, was officially designated today as a natural World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Committee. It is the first site in Rwanda to be featured on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The inscription of Nyungwe National Park serves as a vital step in ensuring its long-term conservation, preserving its natural heritage for future generations, and promoting sustainable development for neighbouring communities.

Established as a natural reserve in 1933, the forest became a national park in 2005 in a bid by the Government to bolster its protection and safeguard the thousands of endangered and endemic species it harbours.

Covering an expanse of 101,900 hectares, Nyungwe National Park stands as the largest block of natural forest in the region. Boasting remarkable biodiversity, it is home to over a dozen species of primates, 322 bird species, 200 identified orchids, and nearly 300 butterfly species, including several endemic to the park. [Read more on RDB](#)

## Rwanda welcomes inclusion of four genocide memorial sites on UNESCO's World Heritage List



20 September 2023 - Four memorial sites of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda have been added to UNESCO's World Heritage List in a historic decision of the 45th Session of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Since 2012, local communities, national and international experts, and relevant advisory groups, including the ICOMOS evaluation body, have collaborated closely in a meticulous process that has resulted in the Bisesero, Gisozi, Murambi and Nyamata sites being included on the World Heritage List.

In his address, Dr Jean Damascène Bizimana, representing the Rwandan government, noted that the four memorials are the first sites of memory on the African continent to be inscribed on the World Heritage List. He expressed the determination of the Rwandan government to ensure their long-term preservation.

Minister Bizimana said: "The historic inscription of the Bisesero, Gisozi, Murambi and Nyamata sites on the World Heritage List increases international visibility, and also honours the memory of the victims they represent throughout the world. This recognition strengthens the fight against Genocide denial and will serve to educate present and future generations".

In 2014, the United Nations Security Council, following the example of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, confirmed that the Genocide committed against the Tutsi in Rwanda in 1994 was a matter of public knowledge that should not be contested.

In 2018, the United Nations General Assembly designated 7 April as the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. [Read more on MINUBUMWE](#)

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## UAE commends consensus of GCC countries to ratify the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol



The United Arab Emirates has expressed its appreciation of the consensus reached by GCC nations to proceed with the ratification of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The consensus takes into consideration the unified position of GCC and the annex to the mechanisms for ratifying the Kigali Amendments.

This came during the participation of Mariam bint Mohammed Almheiri, UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment, at the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GCC Committee of the ministers responsible for climate and environment affairs. The meeting was hosted by the Sultanate of Oman in Al Jabal Al Akhdar, Al Dakhiliyah Governorate. [Read more on WAM](#)

## Borouge solutions supports energy sector in Rwanda



Borouge Plc, a leading petrochemical company that provides innovative and differentiated polyolefin solutions, is supporting Rwanda's energy sector with the innovative 'Made in UAE' solutions that the company has supplied to 56-megawatt power plant on Lake Kivu, Rwanda.

Borouge's solutions were used to produce pre-compounded polyethylene pipes for the power plant that will help meet about 25% of the energy needs of Rwanda, home to 13 million people. These pipes are used for the safe extraction of methane and disposal of carbon dioxide in this specialised power generation project in Lake Kivu, one of the world's deepest freshwater lakes in Rwanda, which was built by Rwanda-based Shema Power Lake Kivu Ltd, an independent power producer in partnership with ISCO. [Read more on WAM](#)

## Five countries including Rwanda and Bahrain launch UN Group of Friends for Digital Cooperation



Five member states of the Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO) including the Republic of Rwanda, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Cyprus, and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, launched the 'United Nations Group of Friends for Digital Cooperation' initiative at the United Nations (UN) headquarters in New York City.

The event was held on the sidelines of the 78<sup>th</sup> annual UN General Assembly (UNGA) meetings. This initiative aims to lead global support and sustainable growth for the digital economy, enabling prosperity and social inclusivity for all on a global scale. [Read more on SPA](#)

## Bahrain maintains leading position as freest economy in the Arab World



The Kingdom of Bahrain has maintained its leading position among Arab countries as the freest economy in the Arab World, according to the 2023 Economic Freedom of the World report published by the Fraser Institute.

Bahrain obtained full scores in 9 indicators within the report and was ranked 45<sup>th</sup> globally among 165 countries. Regionally, the Kingdom of Bahrain showcased its effective business-friendly ecosystem, by leading the MENA region in the 'Freedom to Enter Markets and Compete' indicator. [Read more on BNA](#)